

68. (New) The method of claim 56, further comprising forming a second alignment layer on the second substrate.

69. (New) The method of claim 68, wherein the second alignment layer includes one of polyimide, polyamide, polyvinylcinnamate, and polysiloxanecinnamate.

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Office Action of January 10, 2002 has been received and contents carefully reviewed. Reconsideration and reexamination of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-41 under 35 U.S.C. §101, as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-41 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,281,957. This rejection is now moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-41. Applicants submit that newly added claims 42-69 are allowable.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner deem that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 624-1232.

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